



# DARK NIGHTS

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# BATMAN

## THE DAWN BREAKER

**METAL**  
TIE-IN

FABOK  
2017

**Humphries**  
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**Wright**



# EARTH '32. GOTHAM CITY.

These are the stories from  
the Dark Multiverse that  
should NEVER be...

Witness the rise of  
the Dark Knights...

HOW DID  
I FEEL?

IN THAT MOMENT,  
WHEN MY WHOLE  
WORLD CHANGED?



WE'RE  
DONE HERE,  
KID.

GET  
DOWN ON YOUR  
KNEES, CLOSE YOUR  
EYES, AND YOU AIN'T  
GONNA GET HURT.

WHEN I STOOD THERE  
HELPLESS AS MY MOM AND  
DAD'S BLOOD WAS RUNNING  
INTO THE GUTTER?

I FELT...  
NOTHING.

LIKE THE SKY AND THE  
GROUND BROKE APART  
AND ALL THAT WAS  
LEFT WAS A VOID AS  
BIG AS EVERYTHING.

NOT EVEN  
FEAR.

I DIDN'T FEEL  
ANYTHING.

AND THAT VOID  
WAS INSIDE ME.





BRUCE WAYNE.

YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO OVERCOME GREAT FEAR.



WELCOME TO THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.



I DIDN'T OVERCOME FEAR. IT WAS OBLITERATED FROM ME.



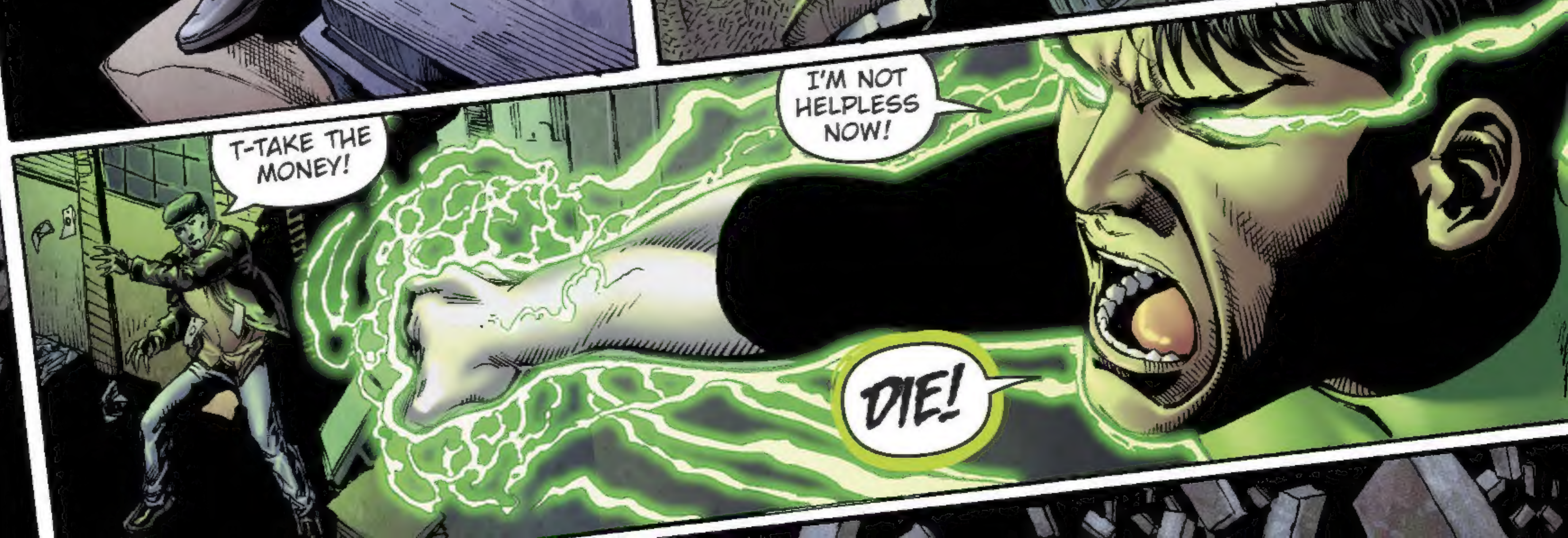
AND I DIDN'T GIVE ANY THOUGHT TO THE WORD "CORPS" OR EVEN WHAT THE HELL WAS TALKING TO ME.

ALL I CARED ABOUT WAS HIM.



YOU BASTARD!

WHAT THE--



T-TAKE THE MONEY!

I'M NOT HELPLESS NOW!

DIE!





KILL HIM!

ERROR, FIRST LAW OF THE GREEN LANTERN CORPS.

LETHAL FORCE NOT PERMITTED.

I DIDN'T FEEL FEAR, OR DOUBT.



I D-DON'T CARE! DO WHAT I SAY!

WILLPOWER AT 100%.

ERROR, WILLPOWER AT 117%.

I JUST FELT THE VOID INSIDE ME.



HE DESERVES TO DIE!

ERROR, WILLPOWER AT 181%.



ERROR, WILLPOWER EXCEEDS-- SKWAAAK

MALFUUUUNCTKRXBLTDZ--



LETHAL FORCE ENABLED.

GAAAAAAUGH--!

AND I HAD TO LET IT OUT.





I HAD THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON IN THE UNIVERSE ON MY FINGER.



R-RING...BRING MY MOM AND DAD BACK.

BUT I WOULD HAVE GIVEN IT UP TO HAVE MY MOM AND DAD.



ACTIVATING.

BBBBBRRUUUUUCE...

WE LOOOOOVE YOUUUU...



I WOULD HAVE TRADED EVERYTHING SO I DIDN'T FEEL SO HELPLESS. SO...



...ALONE.



THEY CALLED ME  
HERO, AT FIRST.

GREEN  
LANTERN.  
WASN'T SURE  
YOU'D SHOW  
UP.

GORDON.  
I ADVISE YOU TO  
REMAIN *POLITE* WITH  
ME. THE LAST COP  
WHO THREATENED  
ME *REGRETTED*  
IT...

W-WE'VE  
GOT A COUPLE  
OF *MISSING*  
*PERSONS* CASES,  
THOUGHT YOU  
MIGHT FIND IT  
*COMPELLING*.

MOST  
RECENTLY, MY  
*DETECTIVES* HAVE  
BEEN *TRAILING* A  
PARTICULAR  
INDIVIDUAL.

THAT TITLE  
DIDN'T LAST  
LONG.

I KILLED WITHOUT  
REMORSE OR  
BOUNDARIES. WHY  
DID THEY DESERVE  
TO LIVE WHEN MY  
PARENTS DIDN'T?

WHY?!





HE DISAPPEARED  
SUDDENLY TUESDAY  
NIGHT.

WH-WHAT  
WERE YOU  
DOING TUESDAY  
NIGHT?

OKAY,  
OKAY. I FIGURED  
OUT YOUR GAME. I  
KNOW WHO YOU'RE  
MISSING--

PENGUIN!

BOSS!  
IT'S THE  
KID!

CHRIST!  
HE'S GONNA  
MURDER  
US!

KILL HIM  
FIRST!

LANTERN.  
WHAT DID  
YOU DO TO  
HIM?!

"JUST LOOK  
UP, JIMMY."

KRAKAKAKA





RING?!

INITIATING  
BLACKOUT.

THE RING WORKED  
BY WILLPOWER.

AND I'M WILLFUL  
TO AN EXTREME.

BUT THE VOID WAS  
INSIDE ME, TOO.



I CRACKED  
OPEN THE RING.  
PUSHED IT PAST  
THE LIGHT.

I LET THE  
DARKNESS  
INSIDE ME  
ESCAPE.

YAAAAAGH!

SKREEEE!

OH GOD,  
OH GOD...  
HUURK!

AND IN THE  
DARKNESS...

...I WASN'T  
ALONE ANYMORE.







LANTERN...  
THIS HAS TO  
STOP. THIS ISN'T  
JUSTICE.

I-I DON'T  
CARE WHAT YOU CAN  
DO TO ME, SOMEONE HAS  
TO STAND UP FOR WHAT'S  
RIGHT! WHAT YOU DID TO  
DETECTIVE BULLOCK...  
GOD HELP HIM. I KNOW  
YOU'RE HURTING,  
BUT--

YOU  
DON'T KNOW  
ME.

I'M  
NOT AN IDIOT. IT  
WAS ONLY A COUPLE  
YEARS AGO. "THREE  
DEAD IN CRIME  
ALLEY."

AREN'T  
YOU TIRED OF  
FEELING LIKE  
THIS...

...BRUCE?

SHUT UP,  
GORDON!

YOU HAVE  
A DAUGHTER,  
RIGHT?

SAD.

SHE'LL  
HAVE TO GROW  
UP WITHOUT HER  
FATHER...  
ALONE.

ENOUGH!

ALERT.

BRUCE  
WAYNE OF  
SECTOR  
2814--



INCOMING  
GREEN LANTERN  
CORPS.

YOU  
ARE A DAMAGED  
LANTERN. AND WE  
ARE HERE TO FIX YOUR  
TRANSGRESSION.

YOU  
HAVE DONE THE  
UNIMAGINABLE--YOU  
LET DARKNESS INTO  
YOUR RING! THIS COULD  
POLLUTE THE ENTIRE  
GREEN LANTERN  
CORPS!

HAND  
OVER YOUR  
RING, NOW!

GANTHET,  
YOU'RE ALL IN  
A TIZZY OVER  
THIS SCRAWNY  
POOZER?

LEAVE  
'IM TO ME.

WHOA!  
THIS IS WILD!  
THERE'S A TON  
OF YOU!  
BUT...

RING?

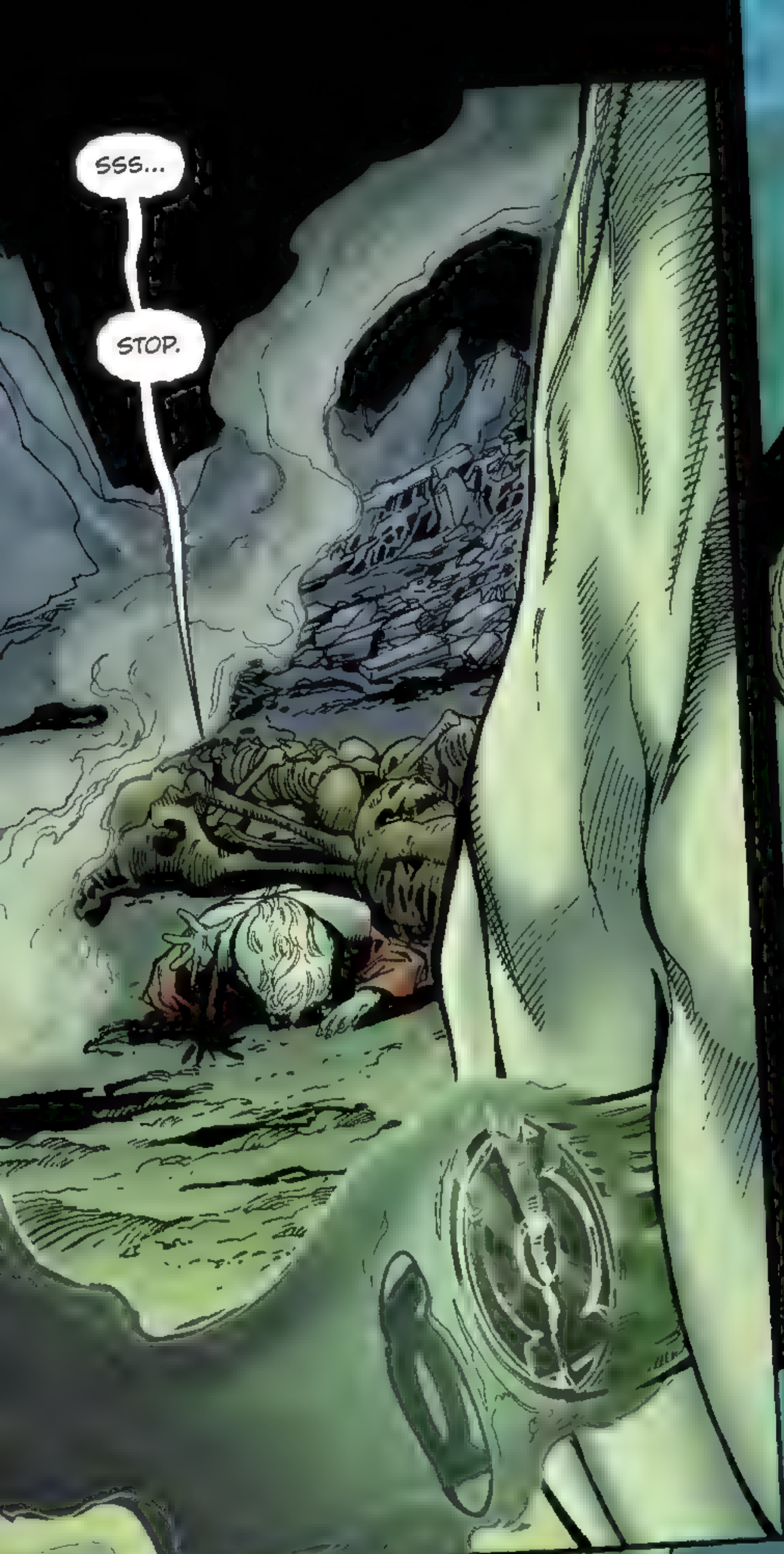
INITIATING  
BLACKOUT

I'VE GOT  
FRIENDS NOW,  
TOO.

I MADE  
THEM IN THE  
DARK.

WAAAAA!





SSS...

STOP.



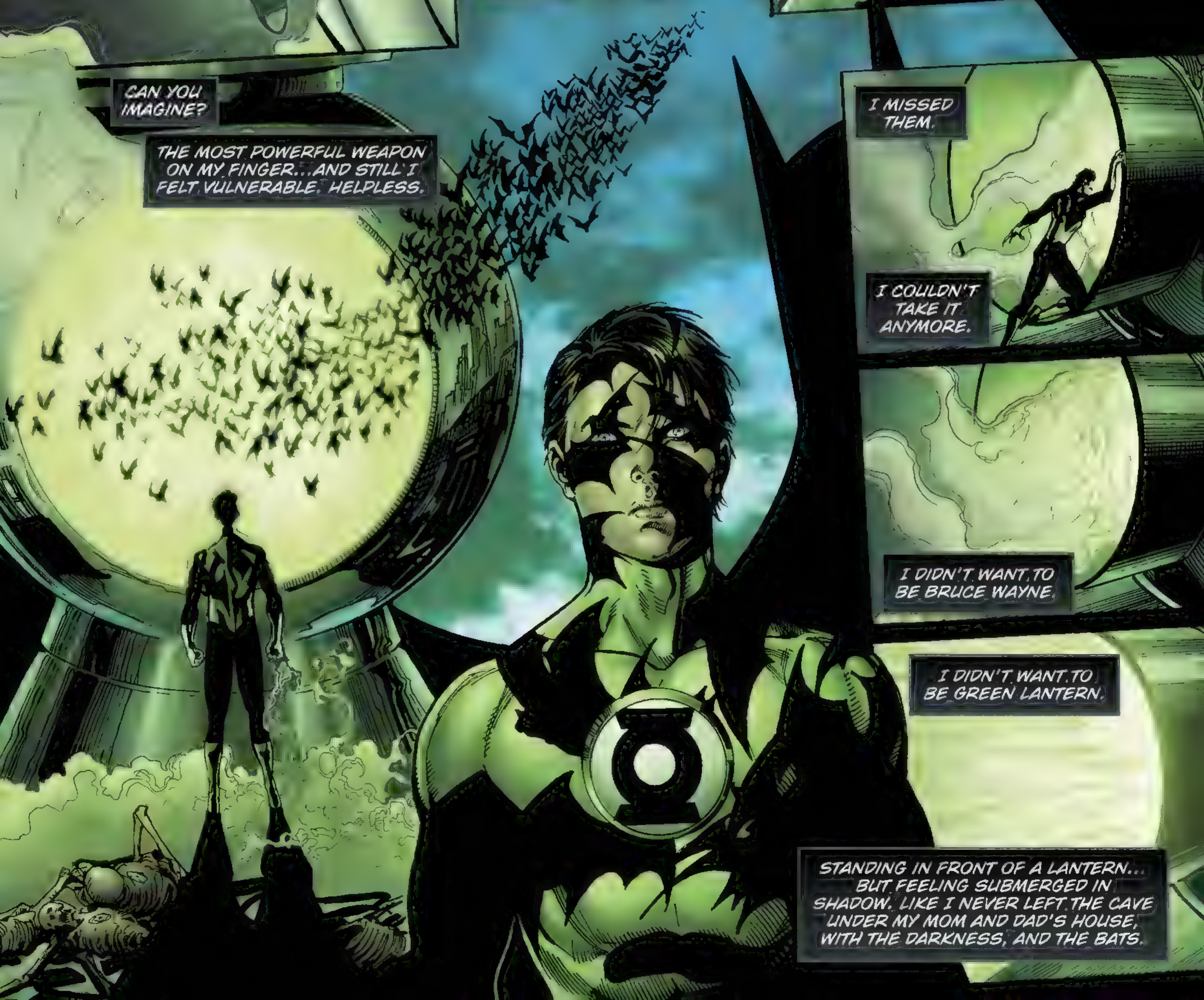
TH-THE  
DARKNESS...  
IT DESTROYS  
EVERYTHING--



STILL, I FELT  
THE SAME.

CAN YOU  
IMAGINE?

THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON  
ON MY FINGER...AND STILL I  
FELT VULNERABLE. HELPLESS.



I MISSED  
THEM.

I COULDN'T  
TAKE IT  
ANYMORE.

I DIDN'T WANT TO  
BE BRUCE WAYNE.

I DIDN'T WANT TO  
BE GREEN LANTERN.

STANDING IN FRONT OF A LANTERN...  
BUT FEELING SUBMERGED IN  
SHADOW. LIKE I NEVER LEFT THE CAVE  
UNDER MY MOM AND DAD'S HOUSE,  
WITH THE DARKNESS, AND THE BATS.



WITH  
DARKNESS  
BLACK, I  
CHOKE THE  
LIGHT!

NO  
BRIGHTEST  
DAY ESCAPES  
MY SIGHT!

I TURN  
THE DAWN TO  
MIDNIGHT!

BEWARE  
MY POWER--

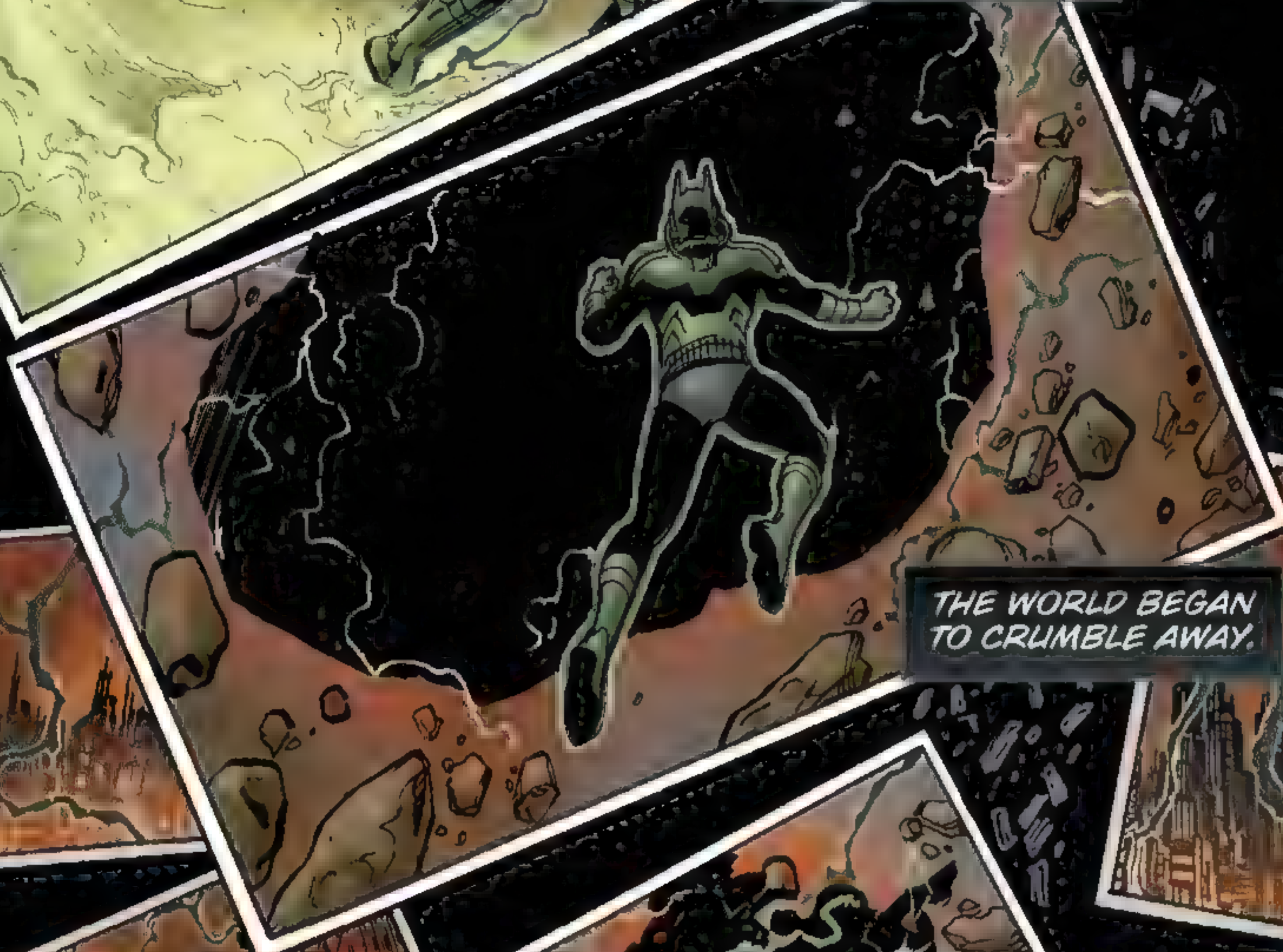
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MIGHT!**



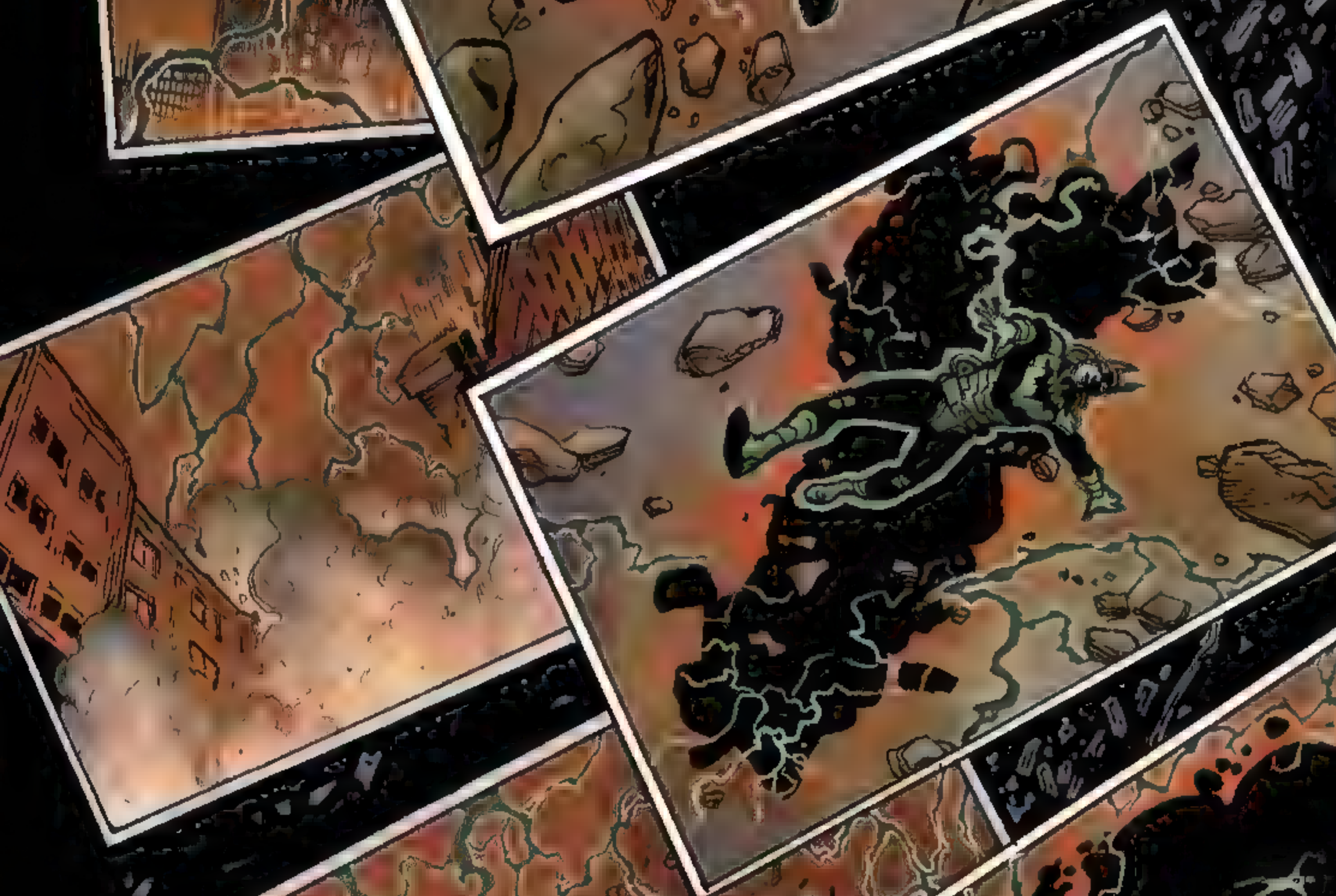




AND JUST AT  
THAT MOMENT...



THE WORLD BEGAN  
TO CRUMBLE AWAY.



I RECOGNIZED  
IT IMMEDIATELY.



IT WAS THE SAME AS  
THE VOID INSIDE ME.



THE DARKNESS  
THAT CONSUMES  
ALL LIGHT.



I COULDN'T EVEN  
SEE THE STARS.

NICE  
EARTH YOU GOT  
HERE. HOW'S IT  
WORKING OUT  
FOR YOU?



CALL ME  
THE MAN WHO  
LAUGHS. AND I AM  
RECRUITING.

THIS  
IS THE RED  
DEATH, AND  
THE MURDER  
MACHINE?

YOU'LL BE  
FAST FRIENDS.  
I'M SURE. YOU HAVE  
SO MANY THINGS IN  
COMMON. REVENGE.  
JUSTICE. FIRST  
NAMES.

THERE IS  
A WORLD BATHED  
IN LIGHT. THE PEOPLE  
THERE ARE FOOLS. THEY  
DESERVE TO BE DRAGGED  
INTO THE DARK. THEIR  
WORLD WILL CRUMBLE.  
LIKE YOURS.

MY LORD  
BARBATOS  
DEMANDS  
IT.

YOU ARE  
A WARRIOR OF  
THE DARKNESS. YOU  
CAN EXTINGUISH  
THE LIGHTS OF  
THIS BRIGHT  
WORLD.

AND IF YOU  
DO... BARBATOS  
WILL SPARE YOU FROM  
THIS OBLIVION.  
AND GIVE YOU BACK  
WHAT YOU MOST  
DESIRE...

YOUR  
PARENTS BACK...  
ALIVE.

ALL MY LORD  
DEMANDS IS YOUR  
OBEDIENCE.

WILL YOU  
KNEEL?

OR  
WILL YOU  
DIE?





# EARTH-0. First world and bright beacon of the Multiverse.

Welcome to  
**COAST CITY**  
THE CITY  
WITHOUT **LIGHT**  
POPULATION: 2,765,121



SO MANY PEOPLE,  
LIVING IN THE LIGHT.



IDIOTS.



TIME FOR THEIR  
WHOLE WORLD TO  
CHANGE. FOREVER.



RING!

INITIATING  
BLACKOUT.

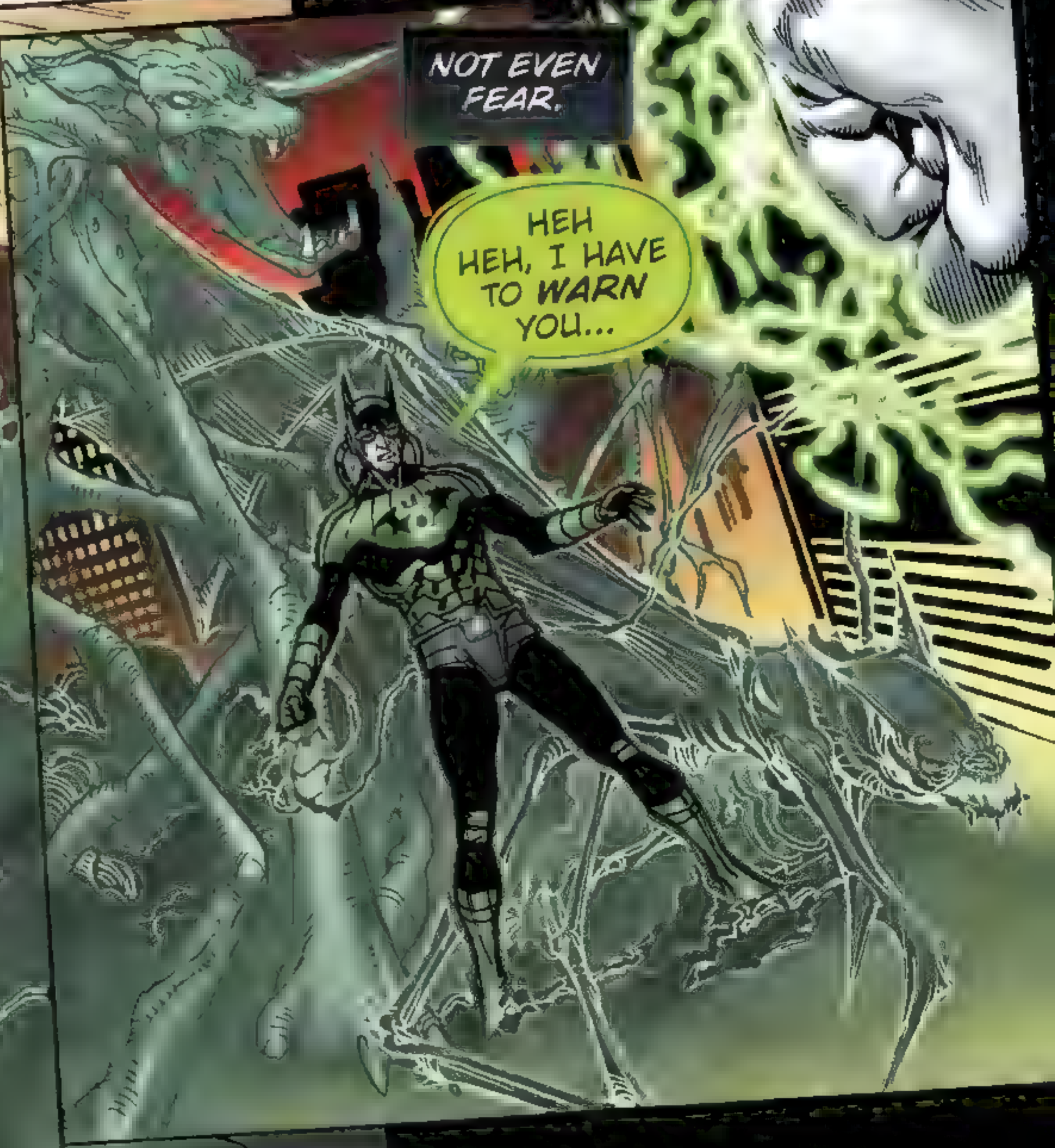


HEY!  
NO  
ONE DEFACTS  
SIGNS IN MY  
CITY!



...BATMAN?

...IS  
THAT...  
YOU?



NOT EVEN  
FEAR.

HEH  
HEH, I HAVE  
TO WARN  
YOU...

HE HAD A POWER  
RING... BUT I DIDN'T  
FEEL ANYTHING.





RING!  
GET THIS OFF  
ME--!

...I'VE  
KILLED GREEN  
LANTERNS  
BEFORE!  
AND  
I'LL DO IT  
AGAIN!

CONSTRUCT  
OF UNKNOWN  
COMPOSITION.

POWER  
RING IS NOT  
OPERATING  
CORRECTLY.

IMPOSSIBLE.

DON'T TELL ME  
IMPOSSIBLE!  
JUST FIGHT  
BACK!

MALFUNCTION,  
HAL JORDAN.

THERE  
IS NO  
LIGHT.

THERE  
IS NO  
LIGHT.



ARTT

QUICKLY.

DR.  
FATE?!

YOU  
ARE NEEDED  
ELSEWHERE, HAL  
JORDAN.

NO!  
I HAVE TO  
SAVE COAST  
CITY--!

YOU  
HAVE NO  
CHOICE.

IF THE  
MULTIVERSE...

...IS TO  
SURVIVE.





INITIATING  
BLACKOUT.

A WORLD  
OF LIGHT.

A CITY  
OF HOPE.

DISGUSTING.

LET THEM FEEL  
HELPLESS.

LET THEM FEEL  
THE VOID.

LET THEM  
FEEL--







**BATMAN**  
THE DAWNBREAKER

IN

**FEAR OF  
THE DARK**

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**CONTINUE TO RISE IN**  
**THE DROWNED #1**